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## Plea to save 'Stoke



Fans of Basingstoke Football Club gathered outside the council offices last week to call for action to save their club ground. Full story on page 3

# Women workers paid quarter less than men

By Adam Flinn

WOMEN in Basingstoke and Deane in full-time work are earning more than 25 per cent less than men, figures from the Office of National Statistics have revealed.

The situation was highlighted by Labour councillor Chloe Ashfield as she put forward a motion at last Thursday's borough council meeting, calling for more efforts to reduce the gender pay gap.

Basingstoke and Deane compares poorly with neighbouring areas. Women in Winchester earn £2.44 more per hour, while those in West Berkshire, Test Valley and Reading are getting more than £1 extra.

It means Basingstoke and Deane ranks in the bottom four per cent for gender wage disparity in the UK.

Cllr Ashfield said: "We have seen encouraging changes nationally, including flexible parental leave and increas-

ing free childcare and the national living wage.

"But real change requires radical moves. For an area with such dire figures as Basingstoke and Deane, we need the council and our major employers to acknowledge there is a great deal more work to be done.

"This motion urges the council to undertake further analysis so we can identify the drivers for the extraordinarily high gap in the borough.

"Change won't happen by accident – the council and its partners must lead by example and make this a thriving and prosperous borough for everybody."

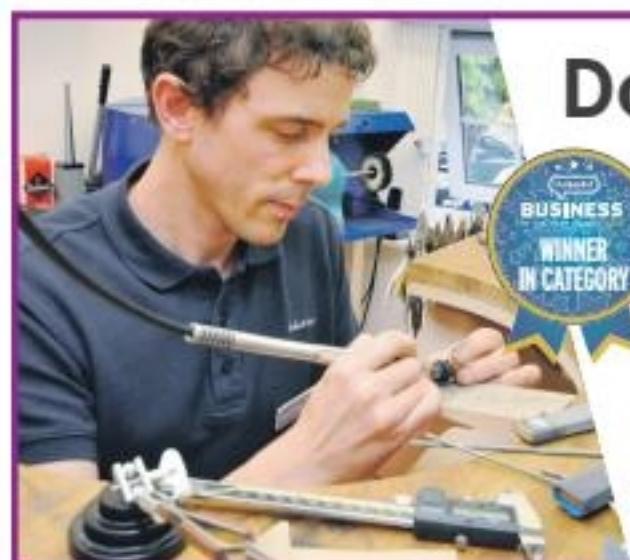
National statistics show that men in full-time work earn on average 9.4 per cent than women. Basingstoke and Deane's pay gap is almost three times higher, at 25.2 per cent.

While the gap nationwide and in south east England is falling, last year

the average female hourly wage fell by four per cent, while the male wage rose by 1.5 per cent.

Seconding the motion, Cllr Angie Freeman said: "As a country, we've slipped down the world rankings from being the ninth most gender equal country in 2006 to the 20th now, and Basingstoke is currently one of the worst in the UK.

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# Council drives deal that keeps 700 AA jobs here

By Matthew Brown

ABOUT 700 local jobs have been secured after a multi-million pound deal was struck to keep the AA in Basingstoke for decades to come.

In what has been described as "major vote of confidence" in the town, the blue-chip motoring organisation is set to leave its current headquarters in Fanum House.

It will move to brand new state-of-the-art offices at Basing View.

It comes after the borough council negotiated a deal with property developer Abstract Securities to build a 60,535 square foot office building.

The decision will be ratified by the cabinet in a meeting next Tuesday.

Hailing the development, John Izett, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet member for property and development, said: "This deal would be a major vote of confidence in Basingstoke.

"The AA has been synonymous with Basingstoke for over 40 years and thanks to this deal the council will be able to grant the company's wish to remain one of the town's most notable, good employers.

"This deal will safeguard high quality jobs and bring significant extra investment into Basing View, vindicating our decision to invest in preparing the new headquarters site for development."

Under the terms of the deal, the decision being taken by the cabinet would release the AA from its current lease on Fanum House in return for a compensation payment on the condition the company stays in Basing View.

This would free up Fanum House for further new development.

Fanum House, which opened in 1973 and houses around 700 staff, is no longer suitable as an office building in the 21st century.

The AA had looked at other locations but settled on Basingstoke because of the availability of the new offices, as well as excellent transport connections, proximity to London and access to a skilled workforce.

Basing View is undergoing a significant regeneration project and the borough council has ambitions for it to become a business location of regional importance.

It is hoped the office building will be completed in 2018.



Fanum House, which opened in 1973, is no longer suitable for the AA

## Thug rode away on victim's bike after attack

A MAN was assaulted while riding a bike which was then stolen in Basingstoke.

The 36-year-old was cycling along a footpath next to the Westside Community Centre in Paddock Road, South Ham, at around 1am on Tuesday, March

28, when a male approached him. The victim was punched and knocked off his bike, then threatened before the thug rode off.

Police have described the attacker as white, aged early to mid 20s, around 5ft 8ins tall, of slim build and having short, dark brown hair.

He was wearing dark blue trousers and a dark jumper.

PC Nigel Cole, of Basingstoke CID, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who saw what happened or has any

information about this robbery or anyone who has been offered a blue/silver Giant-style mountain bike recently."

Anyone with information should call PC Cole at Basingstoke CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**News Bites****Cracking effort**

**SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON:** Generous parents of students at Sherfield School have donated 275 chocolate eggs to child services in Basingstoke.

Friends of Sherfield (FOS) invited parents to donate the eggs, which were tracked by pupils on an 'egg-o-meter'.

"We're really pleased to be able to support Basingstoke child services in this way" said chairman of FOS Rachel Hanvey Meyer.

**Golf decision due**

**SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON:** Plans for a new adventure golf course next to DH Watergardens looked set to be approved last night.

Council officers had recommended the go-ahead for the 18-hole course to be built inside a retail unit in Wildmoor Lane.

Concerns had been raised beforehand about the length of the opening hours, increased traffic and drainage.

The council received seven objections.

**New health chief**

**HAMPSHIRE:** Alex Whitfield has taken over as chief executive of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Ms Whitfield has spent the last five years as chief operating officer at Solent NHS Trust and before that had worked at ExxonMobil's Fawley Oil Refinery and North Hampshire Hospital.

"I am passionate about patient care and committed to taking forward the strong values held by Hampshire Hospitals" she said.

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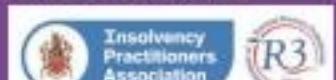
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# 'Save our football ground'

By Jack Asbery

SUPPORTERS of Basingstoke Town Football Club have protested outside the borough council's offices in a bid to save their ground.

Club chairman Rafi Razzak is leaving the Camrose at the end of the season and wants to sell for redevelopment.

The club has been looking for a new stadium, but with recent options falling through it has agreed a ground-share with Farnborough - 19 miles away - for next season.

But the decision has been met with a negative reaction from fans and a protest was called to seek the council's help in saving the club from relocation.

Protest organiser Simon Hood said: "We've got about 25 fans who have joined us in the protest against Rafi Razzak - the owner of Basingstoke Football club - moving the club to Farnborough 19 miles away.

"Obviously it doesn't just affect the fans that come on a weekly basis. It also affects the Dragons club, the youngsters that play on a Saturday morning, and the Strikers' disability team who will have nowhere to go any more. It is really impacting the community.

"The train (to Farnborough) costs £15 and it is half an hour away. Or you have to drive for 45 minutes and get stuck on the motorway - then pay an entry fee."



Martin French, chairman of the Basingstoke supporters association, said: "We need the councillors to now stand up for Basingstoke Football club.

"We need them to try and stop Mr Razzak from selling the Camrose estate because we need football in this town. "We can't go to Farnborough, which is the proposed plan at the moment.

"The council owns 29 per cent of the ground and Mr Razzak owns the other 71 per cent.

"Over the years him and the council have not got on very well and now he's had enough. He wants to leave and he wants his money back.

"Because we're in debt to him by quite a bit of money that leaves us with no chance of getting the club back without council support."

Last year the club's plans to build a new stadium in Eastrop were rejected by the council, and it has been critical of the authority for not helping more to find it a new home.

The club released a state-

ment on Tuesday afternoon saying it still intended to run the academy and youth coaching at the Camrose into next season - the only restriction being that the club cannot play football at the site.

Head of marketing Will Wilkinson said: "Every member of the interim management group (IMG) recognises that this is an extremely difficult time for the club.

"Our fans, players and the parents of children utilising the Camrose facilities are all seeking reassurances, so we hope

that this brief statement helps to allay any fears the community may have.

"For the IMG, it is business as usual and we are 100 per cent focused on moving through this challenging period and becoming a stronger, united and community-orientated club going forward."

• Keep Football in Basingstoke (KFIB) has launched a petition online on change.org, to be delivered to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Visit change.org and search for 'Keep Football in Basingstoke'.

## 'Women have same housing costs'



Deputy leader Cllr Terri Reid

### From front page

"Reading is significantly better than Basingstoke. Why is that? Women have the same housing costs and living costs, so we need to take this issue seriously."

The motion also asked the council to put forward a strategy to tackle the issue of the growing gap between male and female pay.

Deputy council leader Terri Reid said: "We're all aware of concern around gender inequality and discrepancies in pay, conditions and

opportunities. There seem to be figures locally that require further investigation. We need to know the facts for certain, which drill into the contexts and causes.

"We need to ensure that everyone has opportunity and everyone is able to give their very best with the support they need to contribute to a better borough here in Basingstoke and a better society nationally.

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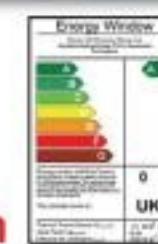
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### Path reopens

**BASINGSTOKE:** The footpath along Ringway East and above Gresley Road has reopened after a six-week project to replace a water pipe by South East Water.

Project manager Jeremy Dufour said: "It is unacceptable to us that a number of homes in Basingstoke go without water when this pipe bursts, which is why we have upgraded this section."

### Meningitis plea

**HAMPSHIRE:** Parents are being urged to make sure their teenage children get the meningitis jab.

NHS England and Public Health England are asking parents of unvaccinated 17 and 18-year-olds to get them immunised.

Consultant Clare Simpson said: "The vaccine not only protects those who are vaccinated, but helps to control the spread of the disease in the wider population."

### Easter fun day

**POPLEY:** An Easter fun day for visitors to meet and feed animals is being held at Mill Cottage Farm this Saturday.

It is running from midday to 3pm and features an Easter egg hunt and bonnet competition. Go to [mcfe.org.uk](http://mcfe.org.uk).

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# 'I married pool hero who saved my life'

By Jack Asbery

A COUPLE who met when he rescued her from a swimming pool celebrate their platinum wedding anniversary today.

Constance Collier, 90, and Edgar Collier, 92, got married 70 years ago.

The couple were hitched at St Olave's Church in Rotherhithe, London, in 1947 after meeting during the Second World War.

Constance, who could not swim, jumped in at the deep end of a swimming pool and Edgar rescued her.

"I was 15 and he was 16 and a half, and we met occasionally once a week or something. As soon as he was 18 he was called up into the Second World War," said Constance.

"We said goodbye and he went to do the last three years in the navy. The war finished and we were married."

Constance recalls having to borrow a wedding dress from someone due to the scarcity of materials after the war.

She even made her own flowers, including the ones for the bridesmaids.

The couple then spent their honeymoon at Ramsgate at a bed and breakfast.

"On the last day, we had two and sixpence left and we bought a bit of carpet for that. We finished off with a bowl of chips," said Edgar.

The Colliers are still very active and Constance believes the key to keeping independent is in the mind.

She said: "If you start thinking 'poor old me, I can't do this and I can't do that', then that's the way your body goes. Your brain is telling you that and I tell it to shut up! Let's get on with our lives."

Constance has some advice for other couples looking to have a long and happy marriage.

"I think the main thing is a sense of humour – you've got to have a sense of humour. We've always had that."

"Sometimes if something ever happened, I'd make fun of him. But after a little while he'd laugh at it and it worked vice versa."

The couple are planning to celebrate the occasion with a family meal.

## Review of councillor imbalances in wards

A BOUNDARY review is to take place in Basingstoke and Deane in the coming year to address the electoral imbalance in some wards.

The intention is to ensure that the ratio of electors to councillors in each ward is roughly the same.

Currently there are nine wards that have at least 10 per cent more or less than the average number of electors.

Each ward should have just under 2,200 residents per councillor, but in the case of Rooksdown it is currently at 3,106 – more than 40 per cent more.

A consultation into the ward boundaries is due to begin in November with final recommendations published in September next year.

Wards with greater than 10 per cent variances: Chineham

– 2,591 residents per councillor (+18.23%); Grove – 2,428 residents (+10.77%); Kempshott – 1,913 residents (-12.71%); Oakley and North Waltham – 1,837 residents (-16.19%); Overton, Laverstoke and Stevenston – 1,959 residents (-10.63%); Pamper and Silchester – 1,872 residents (-14.60%); Popley East – 2,416 residents (+10.22%); Rooksdown – 3,106 residents (+41.73%); Sherborne St John – 1,786 residents (-18.50%).

## Raise cash to help fight bowel cancer

APRIL is bowel cancer awareness month and Pelican Cancer Foundation is urging people of all ages to fundraise.

The charity pays for clinical research into the treatment of 'below the belt' cancers – including bowel – and is appealing to local people to do their bit in the fight.

Cake sales, running marathons and selling some clothes are all ways to raise cash for Pelican.

In the UK, more than 41,000 people are diagnosed with bowel

cancer each year, making it the second biggest cancer killer in Britain.

Pelican, which is based at The Ark Centre at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, is making huge strides forward in research and treatment of the disease and it has invested more than £2.5million since 2003 thanks to public support.

The charity has trained 13,000 clinicians on courses and workshops that cover the latest

advances in cancer treatment, technology and surgical techniques.

Pelican chief executive Sarah Crane said: "It is vitally important that men and women alike are aware of the symptoms of bowel cancer and get them checked out by their GP."

"Often it will be nothing serious, but if it is cancer, the earlier it is diagnosed the quicker it can be treated and the greater the chance of survival."

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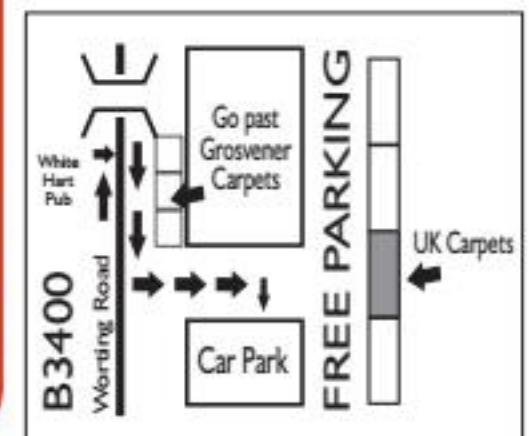
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## Cancer charity bike ride launch rakes in the cash

THE Ark Cancer Centre Charity had a fabulous fundraising boost thanks to a charity bike ride party that pulled in the pounds.

The Tea Bar in Basingstoke town centre helped launch the Ark to Arc bike ride, which is taking place between July 12 and 16.

The ride takes in the 255 miles from the Ark Conference Centre to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

En route the riders will call in at Alencon, one of Basingstoke's twin towns.

The launch evening also had an auction and a raffle that between them raised over £4,000.

Star auction prizes included a bike donated by Winklebury Cycles, which attracted a £600 bid, an iPad from the Champion Group and a signed mini rugby ball - signed by England World Cup winner Jason Robinson - donated by Vitality.

Bentley Berkshire put a chauffeur-drive trip in a Bentley up for grabs and ended up giving two away to successful bidders - raising a total of £1,500.



The launch of the Ark to Arc campaign

# Police's £10m new 'front office' open for public to report crime

By Matthew Brown

THE public can now make enquiries and report crime at the new multi-million pound Basingstoke Police Investigation Centre (PIC).

The force's 'front office' has moved from the London Road police station to the £10million facility in Jays Close on the Viables Business Park.

Chief inspector Matt Reeves,

district commander of Basingstoke and Deane, said: "We know most people who report crime do so by calling 101 or 999.

"But there are some people who would rather come to the police station to speak to someone in person - and that option will be available at the new building."

Serving the northern area of Hampshire, the brand-new centre provides modern facil-

ties and a central investigation function.

It forms part of the strategy of Hampshire police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes to meet future policing objective and is one of three centres across the county.

There are 36 custody cells in the building, which will operate 24 hours a day throughout the week and accommodate 400 staff.

Officers from police stations in Aldershot, Alton, Basingstoke and Whitchurch will relocate to the PIC.

The front office will be staffed by officers who will deal with enquiries including reporting crime, reporting for bail and lost and found property.

Until London Road police station is fully decommissioned, the intercom there will remain active and signage will be pro-

vided with details of the PIC.

Chief inspector Reeves was quick to reassure the public that London Road station would still have a role to play in policing Basingstoke.

He added: "Our neighbourhood and response and patrol teams will remain in the Parklands building in London Road, making sure the people we serve, their families and their communities are safer."

## News Bites

### School's F1 glory

**ODIHAM:** Robert May's School is celebrating after taking the chequered flag in the Formula One (F1) in Schools UK Development Class Final at Silverstone.

Their team, Origin, was victorious against 10 others and their day was rounded off with a lap of the famous Grand Prix circuit.

The competition challenges students to create their own miniature F1 car. Robert May's now go forward to the world finals in Malaysia.

### Breakfast boost

**BASINGSTOKE:** The Basingstoke Business Club is hosting a networking breakfast this week.

It will be on Friday between 7am and 9am at the Basingstoke College of Technology on Worting Road.

The breakfast is a chance for businesses to network and will be followed by a presentation.

### Letting off steam

**BASINGSTOKE:** A miniature steam gala is being hosted by the Basingstoke and District Model Engineering Society this weekend.

It will be at the Viables Craft Centre in Harrow Way on Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4.30pm.

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## News Bites

### New school head

**SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON:** Sherfield School has appointed Nick Fisher as its new headmaster.

Mr Fisher has joined from Truro School in Cornwall, where he spent seven years as deputy headmaster.

He brings a passion for physics and performing arts and will be starting after Easter.

### Top man Tim

**BASINGSTOKE:** Tim Culver, a member of South West Trains' staff based in the video contact centre, has received a company award for his outstanding contribution to customer service.

He leads the team that provides face-to-face information to passengers using the 91 video ticket machines across the network.

Tim was praised for his "cool, calm exterior and a willingness to succeed".

### All aboard!

**ALTON:** It's full steam ahead for the Watercress Line's miniature railway, which is on track to be open for the Easter holidays after maintenance work.

The Mid-Hants Railway will also be hosting Thomas the Tank Engine from April 14 to 23.

Families will be able to travel on the miniature railway with its restored carriages.



Abbey Court residents and Sentinel staff with one of the new benches

## New benches so residents can have their day in sun

RESIDENTS at a sheltered housing scheme in Popley can make the most of the upcoming summer weather thanks to a donation of five benches.

Building merchants Buildbase donated the traditional wooden seats, which are situated in the gardens at Abbey Court.

As part of an agreed social values budget, Sentinel Housing

has a partnership with Buildbase that sees them work with the repairs and maintenance department at the housing association.

Resident Wendy Denton said: "We've waited a long time for these benches and now we've got them they'll make a real difference on sunny summer afternoons."

# Night shelter says 'thanks'

By Jack Asbery

MORE than 250 people were recognised with a "thank you" for their efforts running the Night Light winter night shelter.

The celebration marked 10,000 hours of time given to the programme, which was run by the Social Inclusion Partnership from December 2016 to February 2017.

Night Light was created by town centre churches in response to the plight of rough sleepers. The scheme gave 45 people a hot meal, a warm bed for the night and an opportunity to seek support and engage with local agencies.

Donations came from Real Change not Loose Change, a crowd funding site set up by a different way of life."

Basingstoke Voluntary Action, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Night Light coordinator Liz Howe said: "It was set up to offer shelter and hospitality during the winter months to those people who would have no other option than to sleep on the streets during the coldest time of year.

"There has been a real desire from the churches to do something to help with the increase of homelessness.

"The volunteers' compassion, expressed in very practical action, meant that the Night Light guest experience was excellent, ensuring they were welcomed with dignity and left with a renewed sense of hope for

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A celebration was held to mark the 10,000 hours donated by volunteers to run the Night Light shelter



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## Children dance the day away

CHILDREN at a Basingstoke nursery got into the fundraising spirit for Red Nose Day with an all day dance party to raise money for Comic Relief.

Kiddi Caru Day Nursery in Broadmere Road hosted the boogie-tastic day with some themed music and dance routines for the children to learn.

There was also baking to be done, with staff handing out Red Nose shortbread biscuits to the local community.

Nursery manager Bee Bevis said: "The children love Red Nose Day. It's so much fun and also an opportunity to help people in need both here in the UK and further afield."

It comes as the nursery group was chosen by parents as one of the top 10 large nursery groups in the UK.



Oscar Goodship took part in the Red Nose activities at Kiddi Caru Day Nursery

# Sparrow tops pecking order for second year

By Adam Flinn

HOUSE sparrows were once again the most common bird in Hampshire's gardens following the RSPB's annual survey.

Results from the Big Garden Birdwatch published last Thursday showed that while the number of sparrows seen had fallen from last year, their population has increased two per cent since 2007.

Starlings and woodpigeons were the next most common birds, followed by blackbirds and blue tits.

The Birdwatch ran from January 28 to 30, asking people across the country to count the different birds that visit their garden over a one-hour period.

Daniel Hayhow, a conservation scientist at RSPB, said: "The sight of a robin or blackbird on the garden fence is often one of the first experiences we have with nature.

"So to have over half a million people taking part and counting a bumper eight million birds across one weekend is amazing.

"Using the information from the weekend we'll be able to create a snapshot of how our garden birds are doing."

Sparrows and starlings were also the top two birds seen nationally, with blackbirds in third.

The RSPB also reported an increased number of migrant birds, such as waxwings, redwings and fieldfares.

However in Hampshire it was a tough year for tits, with the number of blue tits and great tits decreasing by 15 and two per cent respectively compared to 2016.

But with increased sightings for 12 of the county's top 20 birds since 2007, RSPB officer Tim Webb said it shows the importance of gardens to our feathered friends.

He said: "Gardens are an increasingly valuable resource for birds. They need food, water and shelter throughout the year and if we all provide these things in our outdoor spaces it will be a huge help to our garden birds, perhaps even playing a role in reversing some declines.

"We're increasingly seeing rural birds in gardens and urban settings. Our theory is that this behaviour change is because they are finding it easier to find food and shelter in gardens."



Rank	Bird	Average	2016 rank
1	House sparrow	3.3	1 (-)
2	Starling	2.9	3 (+1)
3	Wood pigeon	2.8	2 (-1)
4	Blackbird	2.6	5 (+1)
5	Blue tit	2.3	4 (-1)
6	Goldfinch	1.7	6 (-)
7	Robin	1.6	8 (+1)
8	Long-tailed tit	1.3	9 (+1)
9	Great tit	1.3	7 (-2)
10	Collared dove	1.1	10 (-)
11	Magpie	1.0	12 (+1)
12	Dunnock	0.9	13 (+1)
13	Chaffinch	0.9	11 (-2)
14	Jackdaw	0.5	16 (+2)
15	Carriion crow	0.5	15 (-)

## Watchdog's praise for water firm

SOUTHERN Water has been praised by an industry watchdog after a drop in complaints.

Recent figures revealed by the company to the Consumer Council for Water (CCWater), show a 53 per cent reduction in written complaints between October and December 2016, compared to the same period in 2015.

The watchdog challenged Southern to improve performance after it was named the worst performing water company for written complaints in 2015/16.

Southern Water created a team that contacts customers about to receive a larger bill than usual to offer assistance.

This could be anything from leaks to increased water usage for medical reasons.

Sir Tony Redmond, CCWater's London and south east chairman, said: "We are pleased that Southern Water does appear to be turning the tide and the action it has taken is beginning to make a marked difference."

"The company still has ground to make up on the rest of the industry so the job is not done. We will be watching closely to ensure these improvements continue for the foreseeable future."

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Barry Cotton has been busy

## Barry cleans up to help country fair

A HAMPSHIRE man has been helping to boost the coffers of the upcoming Hannington Fair by completing a week of housework.

Barry Cotton, a sales advisor for household appliance manufacturer Vorwerk, offered to clean 25 rooms in 25 hours in the Basingstoke area between Tuesday and Saturday last week.

With minimum donations of £10, Barry is hoping his exploits will have raised more than £500 for the country fair.

"Other people raise money by jumping out of aeroplanes or running huge distances," said Barry.

"I thought housework was a safer option and actually hugely beneficial to those who sponsor me."

The fair takes place in Hannington on June 25.

# Hospital radio team in a spin after winning gong

By Adam Flinn

THERE were celebrations for Hospital Radio Basingstoke as they scooped a prestigious award.

The station earned a bronze in the 'best promotion' category, and was named in the top five for 'station of the year'.

A gala ceremony was held in Bolton where Basingstoke's station went up against 200 other members of the Hospital Broadcasting Association from around the country.

Programme controller Neil Ogden, who presents 'It started with swap shop' - which won the bronze award - was delighted with the honours.

He said: "It's always great to be nominated in the annual awards as they are judged by radio professionals and representatives from the NHS and show we are doing what we should be doing.

"The bronze award was in a category that we've never been nominated in before for a programme that was 10 years in the making.

"The top five in 'station of the year' was our best result since 2010 for a year with a record number of requests -



Hospital Radio Basingstoke collect their award at the ceremony in Bolton

and request number 100,000 wards and fundraise.

Neil added: "Our plans for this year focus on recruitment over the next few months.

"We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join the team - people who would like to present a show, but also

understand that this involves visiting the wards and collect-

ing requests along with fund-raising and helping with other jobs.

"We are also looking for ward visitors who would be able to visit patients during the day or early evening and collect requests for our shows."

For more information go to [hrbasingstoke.co.uk](http://hrbasingstoke.co.uk).

## News Bites

### Autism help

**HAMPSHIRE:** A new NHS service has been launched to diagnose and support adults with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Often people aren't diagnosed in childhood but may notice things as they get older.

Hampshire GP Dr Katrina Webster said: "This service will assess, diagnose and support people over 18 so they can understand and live well."

### Lottery results

**BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:** St Michael's Hospice lottery winners from March 31.

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Sixteen prizes of £5 go to 02385, 32941, 22899, 31652, 55367, 39043, 38945, 44626, 12037, 78307, 39927, 37973, 82743, 13116, 27605 and 67594.

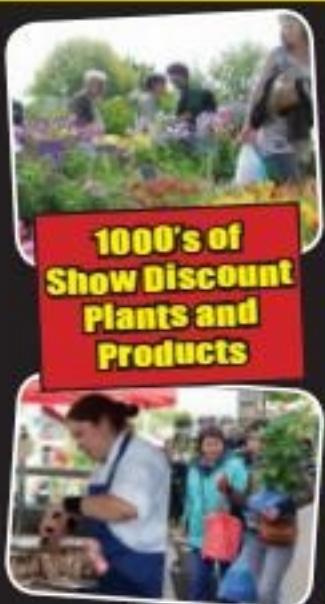
### Petrol station

**TADLEY:** Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council was due to make a decision last night on whether to approve a new petrol station in Silchester Road.

Sainsbury's put in the application, which had been recommended for approval

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- 7 Quiver (7)
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- 10 Gave (9)
- 12 Managed (3)
- 13 Jewels (4)
- 15 Falter in speaking (7)
- 17 Hurry (4)
- 19 Untruth (3)
- 21 Agreed (9)
- 22 Soil (5)
- 23 Confounded (7)
- 24 Optimistic (7)
- 25 One of the Channel Islands (6)

### Quick Clues Down

- 1 Peeled (8)
- 2 Bowman (6)
- 3 Clothing (7)
- 4 Defy (5)
- 5 In flames (6)
- 6 Network (4)
- 7 Reference (11)
- 11 Belt (4)
- 13 Smile (4)
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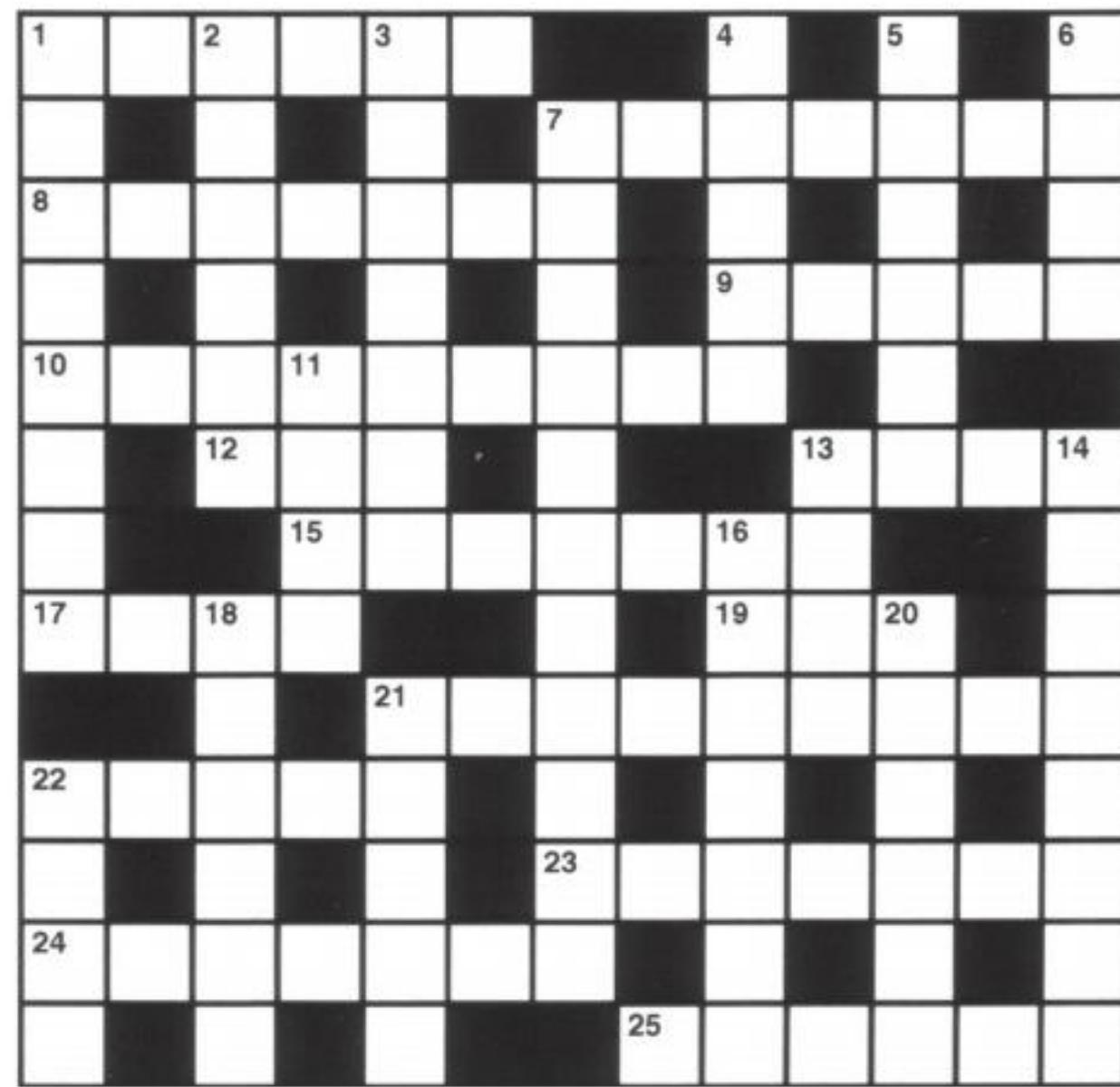
## Scribble space

### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Avoid the leakage (6)
- 7 The suitability of a good physical condition (7)
- 8 Piece of land or the machine to use on it (7)
- 9 A girl to go astray (5)
- 10 The Spanish have a tale men put about as basic (9)
- 12 Either way she's in seduction (3)
- 13 The waters of the mysterious East (4)
- 15 Sound pleased it's back as a foothold (7)
- 17 Join up the top of the dress (4)
- 19 Not a gross trap (3)
- 21 It's an idea that could hit the signal on the head (9)
- 22 Send a message that one road needs replanning (5)
- 23 Does she lure men to death through her knowledge or her welcoming garland? (7)
- 24 Gyrated and came to grief (7)
- 25 Some of mine are reported to be closer (6)

### Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Aren't yet turning to prayer (8)
- 2 Cowardly number to crow after (6)
- 3 Forbearing to breathe hard around the bond (7)
- 4 Take an illicit amount of metal, it's said (5)
- 5 Give a description of the French penalty (6)
- 6 Enquires whether the fool has taken the last of the drink (4)
- 7 But is it in a brotherly tradition to really rant about after the head of the family? (11)
- 11 Think about Australian birds (4)
- 13 Throw out what we, as an afterthought, put up? (4)
- 14 See with pride how it gets faster (8)
- 16 Take away the confidence of 12 across, ever upset (7)
- 18 Abduct the youngster with a pile (6)
- 20 A real lieutenant could get higher (6)
- 21 Drilled without enthusiasm (5)
- 22 The procedure was said to be correct (4)



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	9			7	4	5		2
3	2				6			
		4			5	6	3	
			7	9			1	8
6			5	3				9
8	3				1	2		
		5	1	4			8	
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1						2		
		6	5					
3		8					7	
	7				5	6	9	
4		5						

### This week's solutions

9	1	5	8	6	7	3	2	4
5	9	2	3	1	7	6	8	4
3	6	8	2	9	5	7	1	1
8	7	1	4	5	6	2	6	6
9	4	6	7	2	3	8	5	1
1	5	3	1	4	8	9	7	6
2	5	3	1	4	2	9	5	6
7	1	8	6	9	5	3	4	8
6	3	5	8	7	1	4	2	9

4	7	8	6	2	9	1	5	3
2	6	3	1	5	8	4	9	7
9	5	1	4	3	7	8	2	6
8	3	9	7	4	1	2	6	5
6	1	2	5	8	3	7	4	9
5	4	7	9	6	2	3	1	8
7	8	4	2	9	5	1	7	6
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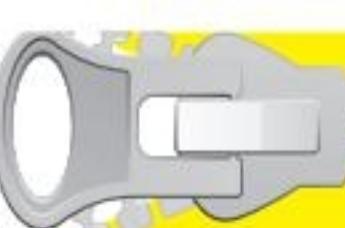


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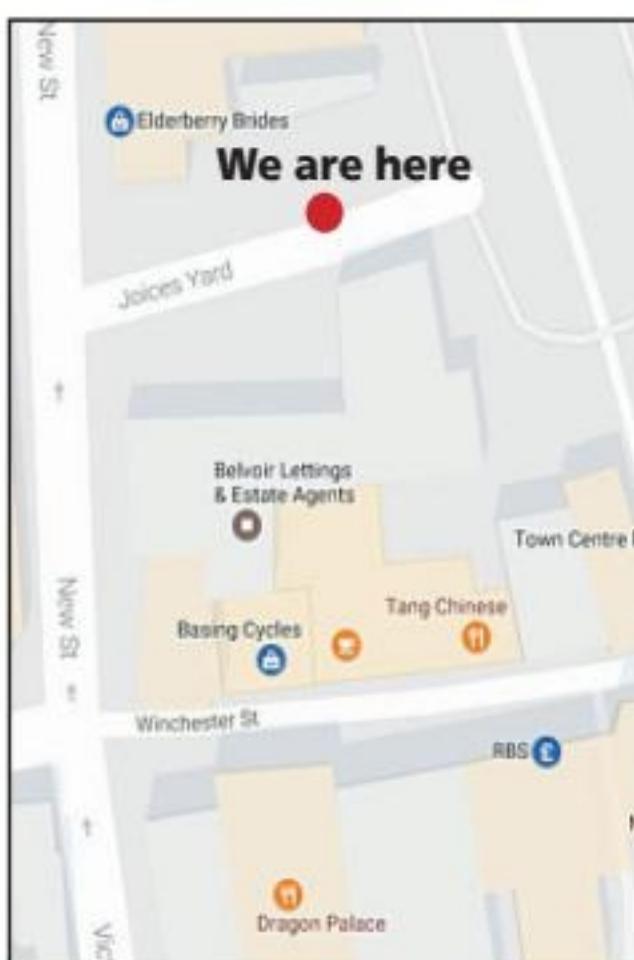


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## Saturday April 8th

### BBC1



6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.10 Live Davis Cup Tennis (S) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.15 **FILM** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) (PG) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (S) 6.35 BBC News (S) 6.45 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.50 Pointless Celebrities (S)

### DAYTIME

7

7.40 Who Dares Wins Game show in which strangers pair up to win money. Last in the series. (S)

8

8.25 Casualty Connie makes an effort to show how much she cares on Grace's birthday. (S)

9

9.15 All Round to Mrs Brown's Ross Kemp, Kevin Bridges and his mother Patricia, Steve Backshall and Pixie Lott join Agnes and her brood in the studio for a chat. (S)

10

10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

11

11.55 **FILM** I Am Number Four (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Alex Pettyfer and Timothy Olyphant. (S)

12

AFTER 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.45 BBC News (S)

### BBC2



11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well (S)(R) 12.30 The Best Dishes Ever (S)(R) 1.00 Golf: The Masters Highlights (S) 2.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 3.00 University Challenge (S)(R) 3.30 Only Connect (S)(R) 4.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 4.30 Live Davis Cup Tennis (S) 5.30 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby (S)(R) 6.30 Hotel Armadillo: Natural World (S)(R)

7.30 Golf: The Masters Live Coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year continues. (S)

### ITV



10.25 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 11.25 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury (S)(R) 12.00 **ITV News**; Weather (S) 12.10 **FILM** Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) (S) 2.00 **ITV Racing - Grand National Festival** (S) 4.35 **ITV Racing Live: The Grand National** (S) 6.15 **ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) 6.20 **ITV News** (S) 6.30 New You've Been Framed! (S)(R)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway The popular duo's entertainment show bows out in a live finale from Disney World, Florida (S)

8.30 An Evening with Take That A performance by the pop group, featuring new material and special versions of some of their most popular hits. (S)

9.35 **FILM** King Kong (2005) (12) Peter Jackson's remake of the fantasy adventure, with Naomi Watts and Jack Black. (S)

10.35 **ITV News**; Weather (S) 10.45 **FILM** King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. (S)

1.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen**

### Channel 4



7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (S) (R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.55 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.25 Extreme Food (S) 1.00 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights (S) 2.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 3.30 Location, Location, Location (S) (R) 4.30 Grand Designs (S)(R) 5.35 Channel 4 News (S) 6.05 Escape to the Chateau (S)(R)

7.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland. (S)(R)

8.00 **FILM** Battleship (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure, with Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgård. Edited for language and violence. (S)

10.35 **FILM** Dredd (2012) (18) A law enforcer in a post-apocalyptic city must fight his way out of a tower block dominated by a ruthless crime lord. Sci-fi thriller, starring Karl Urban. (S)

12.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 1.15 Million Pound Motors (S)(R) 2.10 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 4.15 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) 5.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) 5.20 Fifteen to One (S)(R)

### Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 10.40 Access (S) 10.50 Police Interceptors: Unleashed (S)(R) 11.20 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 1.20 On Benefits: Life on the Dole (S)(R) 4.20 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords A woman whose unruly tenants try to sue her after being served an eviction notice. (S)(R) 5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles Part one of two. Kensi is a suspect in the murder of a marine sergeant. (S)

8.00 NCIS The Secretary of the Navy's daughter is kidnapped. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S) 10.30 The Funny Side of Love and Sex Including thoughts and opinions from Johnny Vegas, Nish Kumar and Nina Wadia. (S)

11.30 Comedy Bigmouths with Russell Kane (S)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Inside St Paul's Cathedral (S)(R) 4.00 Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

## DIGITAL

### ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 6.20 Emmerdale 8.50 Coronation Street 11.15 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway 12.45 Britain's Got Talent: Stephen's Top 10 Unbelievable Talents 1.45 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.15 Hairspray Live! 4.45 **FILM**: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. 5.45 FYI Daily 5.50 **FILM**: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Concluded. 7.00 Scorpion 8.00 **FILM**: Burlesque (2010) (12) Musical drama, starring Cher and Christina Aguilera. 9.00 FYI Daily 9.05 **FILM**: Burlesque (2010) (12) Concluded. 10.35 Celebrity Juice 11.15 Family Guy 12.40 American Dad! 1.40 The Cleveland Show 2.05 Ibiza Weekender 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 **ITV2 Nightscreen**

### ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy 6.40 Murder, She Wrote 7.30 Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide 9.30 **FILM**: The Railway Children (1970) (U) Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. 10.30 FYI Daily 10.35 **FILM**: The Railway Children (1970) (U) Concluded. 11.45 Heidi 1.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.55 Rosemary & Thyme 4.55 Endeavour 7.00 Lewis 11.00 Les Dawson Forever 12.00 Colditz 2.00 **ITV3 Nightscreen** 2.30 Teleshopping

### BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Sill Road 8.00 Dust Storm 8.45 Wild Scotland 9.00 **FILM**: Department Q: The Keeper of Lost Causes (2013) (15) Murder mystery, starring Nikolaj Lie Kaas. 10.30 Top of the Pops: 1983 11.40 Psychedelic Britannia 12.45 Totally 60s Psychedelic Rock at the BBC 1.45 Pink Floyd Beginnings 1967 - 1972 2.45 Psychedelic Britannia 3.45 Close

### E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.45 How I Met Your Mother 7.35 Baby Daddy 8.30 Black-ish 9.00 Made in Chelsea 10.00 **FILM**: Clueless (1995) (12) Comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone. 12.00 Melissa & Joey 2.30 The Goldbergs 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 **FILM**: Transporter 2 (2005) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. 10.45 Gogglebox 12.55 Rude Tube: Heroes and Villains 2.00 Naked Attraction 2.55 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.40 The Goldbergs 4.00 Baby Daddy 5.05 How I Met Your Mother

### MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me 11.30 Homes by the Sea 12.35 Location, Location, Location 1.35 Coast vs Country 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.20 Come Dine with Me 8.00 Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship 9.00 **Titanic**: The New Evidence 10.05 The World's Most Extreme 11.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.15 Father Ted 1.15 Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship 2.20 **Titanic**: The New Evidence 3.20 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 4.00 Close

### FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Catch That Kid (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Kristen Stewart. 1.00 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) (15) Comedy, starring Matthew Broderick. 3.05 Dragonball Evolution (2009) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Justin Chatwin. 4.45 **Tooth Fairy** (2010) (PG) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. 6.55 Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. 9.00 **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2** (2012) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. 11.15 **An American Werewolf in London** (1981) (18) Horror comedy, with David Naughton. 1.15 **Isolation** (2005) (15) 3.10 Close

### DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Scrapheap Challenge 8.00 Deadly 60 10.00 **Top Gear** 12.00 **Traffic Cops** 2.00 **Storage Hunters UK** 2.30 **Storage Hunters** 3.00 **Storage Hunters UK** 3.30 **Storage Hunters** 4.00 **Storage Hunters UK** 4.30 **Storage Hunters** 5.00 **Top Gear** 7.00 **Not Going Out** Christmas Special 8.00 **Not Going Out** 9.00 **FILM**: Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) (15) Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. 11.20 **Live at the Apollo** 12.20 **Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled** 1.20 **Mock the Week** 2.00 **Not Going Out** Christmas Special 3.00 **Suits** 4.00 Close

### DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 **Secret Army** 11.00 **Sharpe** 1.00 **Secret Army** 5.00 **FILM**: 10 Little Indians (1974) (PG) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Oliver Reed. 7.00 **Hetty Wainthropp Investigates** 8.00 **The Mrs Bradley Mysteries** 9.00 **Taggart** 11.05 **Waking the Dead** 1.10 **Hetty Wainthropp Investigates** 2.10 **Sharpe** 4.00 **Home Shopping**

### SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hawaii Five-0 7.45 **Monkey Business** 8.15 **Game Changers** 8.45 **The Fantasy Football Club** 9.45 **Soccer AM** 11.30 **Live Premier League**. Pre-match build-up to Tottenham Hotspur v Watford. 12.30 **Live Premier League**. Tottenham Hotspur v Watford (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00 **Gillette Soccer Saturday** 5.15 **Live EFL**. Sheffield Wednesday v Newcastle United (kick-off 5.30pm). 8.00 **The Masters - Live**. Coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia. 12.30 **Sporting Triumphs** 1.00 **Premier League Highlights** 2.30 **Premier League Legends** 3.00 **Premier League Highlights**

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## Sunday April 9th

### BBC1

Countryfile,  
7pm



### BBC2

Live Davis Cup  
Tennis,  
1pm



### ITV

Five Gold  
Rings,  
7pm



### Channel 4

Homeland,  
9pm



### Channel 5

Free Birds,  
1.50pm



### DAYTIME

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AFTER

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6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.30 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 The Big Questions (S) 11.00 Wanted Down Under (S) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 2.15 Countryfile Spring Diaries (S)(R) 3.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 4.00 Escape to the Country (S) 5.00 Songs of Praise (S) 5.35 Galapagos (S)(R) 6.35 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News (S)

7.00 Countryfile The team are in Holderness in the east Riding of Yorkshire. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Pembroke Castle in South Wales. (S)

9.00 Line of Duty Kate is approached by a woman who claims to have been assaulted by Michael, while Steve challenges Roz's husband to vouch for her whereabouts on the night Tim Ifield disappeared. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)  
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)  
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)

11.30 I'm Different: Let Me Drive The stories of two learner drivers on the autistic spectrum. (S)

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.05 BBC News (S)

6.05 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens (S) (R) 7.35 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.05 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 10.45 Triathlon World Series Highlights (S) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis France v Great Britain. (S) 6.30 Golf: The Masters Live Coverage of the fourth day from the Augusta National in Georgia. (S)

7.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis, 1pm

9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Countrywise: Guide to Britain (S)(R) 10.00 Secret Dealers (S)(R) 11.00 Wild Australia with Ray Mears (S)(R) 11.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.40 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 12.45 The Chase (S)(R) 1.45 FILM Goldfinger (1964) (PG) 3.55 An Evening with Take That (S)(R) 5.00 Little Big Shots (S)(R) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.10 ITV News (S) 6.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule (S)(R)

7.00 Five Gold Rings Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield. (S)

8.00 Vera A body is found buried on the Northumberland moors which could be a missing teenager. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)  
10.20 Lethal Weapon The duo investigate the murder of a young model (S)(R)

11.15 The Nightly Show Best Bits (S)  
11.45 Premiership Rugby Union Including highlights of Wasps v Northampton Saints.

12.40 Jackpot247 2.30 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S)  
3.20 The Cube (S)(R) 4.10 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch Presented by Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer. (S) 12.30 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.25 Gigglesprogs (S)(R) 2.30 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix Highlights Action from the second race of the season. (S) 4.45 FILM The Boxtrolls (2014) (PG) (S) 6.35 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild The Grand Designs presenter meets people who have quit the rat race to live simpler lives. (S)(R)

8.00 Spying on the Royals The conclusion of the two-part documentary about surveillance on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. (S)

9.00 Homeland Keane and Saul join forces to shut down the campaign of disinformation, and things come to a head for Carrie and Quinn. (S)

10.05 Gogglebox The households' opinions on recent TV. (S)(R)

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy words and numbers quiz. (S)(R)

12.05 FILM The Guard (2011) (15) (S) 1.50 Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year (S)(R) 2.45 Isis and the Battle for Iraq (S)(R) 3.40 Unreported World (S)(R) 4.05 Building the Dream (S) 5.05 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R)

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship (S) (R) 11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S) (R) 11.55 The Gadget Show (S)(R) 12.55 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 1.50 FILM Free Birds (2013) (U) (S) 3.30 5 News Weekend (S) 3.35 FILM Fool's Gold (2008) (12) (S) 5.45 FILM PS I Love You (2007) (12) (S)

8.00 Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring puppies. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 When Chat Shows Go Horribly Wrong Gloria Hunniford narrates a compilation of talk show disasters, featuring Eamonn Holmes' infamous interview with David Blaine. (S)

12.05 One Night With My Ex (S)(R)  
1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (S)(R) 4.00 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

### DIGITAL

#### ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Emma Willis 6.10 Emmerdale 9.00 Coronation Street 11.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway 1.00 2Awesome 1.05 2Awesome: Guidance 1.40 2Awesome: Fame High 2.00 2Awesome: LA Story 2.10 2Awesome: Side Effects 2.40 Mr Bean 3.50 FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 4.50 FYI Daily 4.55 FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Concluded.

5.35 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. 6.35 FYI Daily 6.40 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Concluded. 9.00 FILM: Horrible Bosses (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Bateman. 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 FILM: Horrible Bosses (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Bateman. 11.05 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.25 The Vampire Diaries 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

#### ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses 6.25 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. 7.25 FYI Daily 7.30 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) Concluded. 8.35 Heartbeat 10.40 Murder, She Wrote 11.40 Heidi 1.40 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor 3.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.00 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 10.00 Les Dawson Forever 11.05 FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Historical drama sequel, starring Cate Blanchett. 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Concluded. 1.20 A Touch of Frost 3.00 May the Best House Win 4.45 On the Buses 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen

#### BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Britain at War: Imperial War Museums at 100 8.00 Teenage Tommies 9.00 Horizon: Global Weirding 10.00 Folk Awards 2017: Highlights 11.00 Arena: Alone with Chrissie Hynde 12.30 The Story of Maths 1.30 The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves 2.30 Exposed: Magicians, Psychics and Frauds - Storyville 3.50 Close

#### E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 6.10 Rude(ish) Tube 6.35 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.30 Hollyoaks 11.00 Made in Chelsea 12.00 The Goldbergs 1.00 Black-ish 1.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 2.30 FILM: Evolution (2001)

#### (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. 4.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Tattoo Fixers 11.00 E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year 12.05 Celebrity First Dates 1.10 Naked Attraction 2.15 Bizarre ER 3.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.45 Hollyoaks

#### MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Vet on the Hill 10.00 Walks with My Dog 11.00 Homes by the Med 12.05 Come Dine with Me 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 How to Lose Weight Well 9.00 Father Ted 10.05 Man Down 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.05 Man Down 3.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 3.50 Close

#### FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Black Shield of Falworth (1954) (U) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Tony Curtis. 1.00 Cutthroat Island (1995) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. 3.25 Avatar (2009) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington. 6.35 Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) (PG) Action thriller sequel, starring Sandra Bullock. 9.00 The Other Woman (2014) (12) Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz. 11.10 Extract (2010) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Bateman. 12.55 The Insider (1999) (15) Fact-based drama, starring Al Pacino and Russell Crowe. 4.00 Close

#### DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Scrapheap Challenge 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Top Gear 10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 11.00 Traffic Cops 12.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 1.00 Lizard Lick Towing 2.00 Red Dwarf 4.00 Top Gear 7.00 Traffic Cops 8.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.00 Crackanory 12.35 Mock the Week 1.55 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 2.45 Suits 4.00 Close

#### DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 New Tricks 8.00 The Bill 12.00 David Copperfield 4.00 Catherine Cookson's The Secret 7.00 New Tricks 9.00 Silent Witness 11.15 Spooks 1.55 New Tricks 2.55 The Agatha Christie Hour 4.00 Home Shopping

#### SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 9.30 Supergirl 10.30 The Flash 11.30 WWE Raw Hits 12.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, The build-up to Sunderland v Manchester United. 1.30 Modern Family 6.00 The

Simpsons 8.00 Wild Things 9.00 Hawaii Five-0 10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 11.00 MacGyver 12.00 The Blacklist: Redemption 1.00 Arrow 2.00 Police 10/7 5.05 Stop, Search, Seize

#### SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 9.00 The West Wing 2.00 House 4.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Big Little Lies 10.05 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.15 The Trip to Spain 11.55 The Circus: Inside The Biggest Story On Earth 12.30 Billions 1.40 Westworld 2.55 Banshee 4.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

#### W SKY: 109

6.10 Crisis 7.00 Motorway Cops 8.00 Bondi Rescue 9.00 Celebrity MasterChef 1.00 Heston's Fantastical Food 5.00 FILM: Spy Kids (2001) (U) Family adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. 7.00 One Born Every Minute 8.00 Dr Christian Will See You Now 9.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with Louise Redknapp 10.00 Doctor Foster 11.20 Louis Theroux's LA Stories 12.40 Traffic Cops 1.40 Betty White's Off Their Rockers 2.05 Crisis 3.00 Home Shopping

#### GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Ever Decreasing Circles 7.30 One Foot in the Grave 8.50 Only Fools and Horses 10.00 Harry Hill in Professor Branestawm Returns 11.20 Boomers 12.00 Only Fools and Horses 5.20 Henry IX 6.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 Gavin & Stacey 11.00 I'm Alan Partridge 12.20 The Thick of It 1.40 jam 2.10 Nighty Night 2.45 Human Remains 3.20 One Foot in the Grave 4.00 Home Shopping

#### SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights 9.00 The Sunday Supplement 10.30 Goals on Sunday 12.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, The build-up to Sunderland v Manchester United. 1.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Sunderland v Manchester United (kick-off 1.30pm). 3.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Everton v Leicester City (kick-off 4.00pm). 7.00 The Masters - Live, The final day from the Augusta National, 12.30 The Masters Official Film - Crenshaw 1995 1.00 Goals on Sunday 2.00 Premier League Years 4.00 Sporting Heroes: Kriss Akabusi Interviews Daley Thompson 5.00 Premier League 100 Club 5.30 Spanish Football Gold

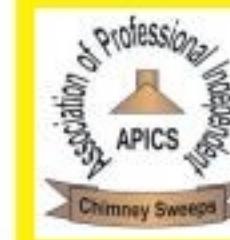
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# ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS



## Young musicians 'spellbinding'

By Josh Cox

SOME of the country's most talented young musicians will put on a "spellbinding" performance of classics at The Anvil on Sunday.

The show marks the debut of a newly-created under-13 section by the National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain (NCO).

In an inspirational afternoon of musicianship, the youngsters will perform their Spring Concert – a skilled delivery of classical concert repertoire, with a fresh approach.

The young musicians will spend just eight days rehearsing together at Port Regis School, in Dorset, before their performance in Basingstoke.

As well as intensive training, the musicians will also have time off to relax with friends and will be able to take part in fun recreational activities organised by the trained team of pastoral care staff.

During the week the NCO members will be supported by conductor Peter Stark.

He said: "I am relishing the prospect of working with the under-13s this Easter. The programme is terrific – varied, entertaining and challenging in equal measure.

"Everybody should come and hear

these astonishing children. It is an opportunity not to be squandered!"

Percussionist Gus Cox, aged 13, said: "The concerts are a superb climax to our week of rehearsals.

"I really enjoy being part of the NCO and I am so proud to play with an orchestra that sounds so good!"

The young musicians are ready to deliver a spell-binding programme of music that includes: Wagner – Prelude to Act 1 from Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg; Butterworth – A Shropshire Lad; Tchaikovsky – Capriccio Italien; Williams – Harry Potter Symphonic Suite; Grieg – Movements from Holberg Suite; and Curtis – Paths to Urbino.

Founded in 1978, the NCO has performed in some of the world's most prestigious venues and locations, including the Royal Albert Hall in London and the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing.

The performances by the young musicians are renowned for their intensity, vivacity and commitment – and, above all, their professionalism.

The Basingstoke concert starts at 3pm.

Group discounts are available.

Ticket prices, including a £2 booking fee, range from £5 (child ticket) up to £24 (top price adult ticket).



## Pair push the boundaries of folk

By Josh Cox

DYNAMIC and exhilarating duo Will Pound and Eddy Jay are bringing their unique form of folk to The Forge next Thursday.

The pair of master musicians read each other instinctively.

This amazing creative partnership opens a path to new folk sounds with nothing more than a harmonica and an accordion.

Together they sound like one instrument.

Will is one of the finest harmonica players of his generation whose innovative style pushes the boundaries of his instrument and the folk genre.

Three times nominated for BBC Radio 2 Folk Musician Of The Year, he has held the accolades of FATEA Instrumentalist of the Year (2013, 2014) and Spiral Earth Magazine Musician Of The Year (2015).

Eddy is a real master of the accordion with the ability to turn it into an orchestra at his fingertips.

He was a key player in the arrangement of the hit stage musical version

of Noel Coward's Brief Encounter' (Kneehigh Theatre).

He has devised his own version of Prokofiev's classic Peter and the Wolf, plus a show celebrating Edith Piaf that has toured the UK and beyond.

Will and Eddy's new 11-track album, Ignite, is attracting much attention in the media.

It's being described as 'A musical exaltation' by BBC Radio 3 and 'Staggeringly brilliant' by Folk Radio.

It's guaranteed to brighten your day thanks to the innovative mixture of both musicians.

We live in an age where there is so much new music it can be hard to tell what is truly unique.

However, the powerful combination of Pound and Jay is just that – unique.

It is something that needs to be heard and is often described as a work of art.

The show starts at 7.45pm.

Tickets for a wonderful night of Will Pound and Eddy Jay are priced at £16.50.

Concession, under-16 and full-time student tickets are priced at £14.50. This price includes a £2 booking fee.

Call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or book online at anvilarts.org.uk.



### Falkners Friday

**MUSIC:** Lost Roberts play the Falkners Arms in Fleet on Friday. Join the blues band for a brilliant night of fun, featuring some guest performances.

The Lost Roberts have toured the UK with a number of high profile artists, including Eric Clapton. They are a band not to be missed.

The free show starts at 9pm.

### Bond, James Bond

**MUSIC:** Goldeneye return to play one of Hampshire's finest social venues, the Wellington Social Club, Basingstoke, on Saturday.

Formed in 2004 as a James Bond theme covers project, the pair evolved and made their live debut in April 2006. The band have been performing hit songs from the last 50 years ever since.

There may be a ticket price for non members. The gig starts at 8.45pm.

### Classical outing

**MUSIC:** The Philharmonia Orchestra will be performing Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Dvořák at The Anvil on Friday from 7.45pm.

The evening, which covers a wide range of classical and contemporary pieces, features Sergey Kharatyan.

### Dribbling dragon

**THEATRE:** Don't Dribble on the Dragon is a family play at the Haymarket on Tuesday.

The magical and heart warming show is packed with lots of laughs, love and great singalong songs.

Tickets are priced at £12, which includes a £2 booking fee.

The fun starts at 2.30pm.

### Laughs at the Lion

**COMEDY:** A night of laughter can be enjoyed at the Red Lion in Basingstoke next Thursday.

Rob Rouse and three other top comedians will be delivering their not-to-be-missed performances.

Rouse has appeared on TV shows such as Celebrity Juice and The Friday Night Project.

Doors open from 7.30pm and tickets are £15.

### Hello and goodbye!

**MUSIC:** The world's most famous Beatles tribute band continue to bolster their reputation at the The Anvil on Tuesday.

The Bootleg Beatles trace the mop tops' journey through the '60s, paying careful attention to every detail from costumes to Scouse banter.

The gig starts at 7.30pm.

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Thu, Apr 6, 7pm  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

## CHAIRMAN'S YEAR OF MUSIC: STAFF SHOWCASE

Bring your family to hear your Hampshire Music Service teachers share their amazing talents! Over 150 Hampshire Music Service instrumental and vocal teachers are coming to the stage to perform a number of familiar favourites.

Sat, Apr 8, 7.45pm  
The Forge, Basingstoke

## O'HOOLEY & TIDOW

Having the originality and skill to invite comparison with the most celebrated harmony duos, from early Simon and Garfunkel to the iconic Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Belinda and Heidi's powerful, deeply moving, and soulful performances are infused with an honesty and empathy that will disarm the hardest of hearts.

Tue, Apr 11, 7.30pm  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

## THE BOOTLEG BEATLES

Tracing the Fab Four's journey through the sixties, every tiny detail is meticulously covered from costumes to authentic period instruments; from their witty Scouse banter to their

inflection perfect vocal mimicry. Complete with a little help from their orchestral ensemble, this is a not-to-be-missed spectacular for Beatlemaniacs of all ages.

Thu, Apr 13, 1.30pm  
Corn Exchange, Newbury

## THE PARTY

A man excitedly waits for the guests to arrive at his party. The cake is made, the presents have arrived, and the music is playing - all he needs are his friends to make this the best birthday ever.

Tue, Apr 18, 11.30am and 2pm  
Corn Exchange, Newbury,

## AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences around the world for nearly 30 years with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles.

Thu, Apr 20, 7.45pm  
Corn Exchange, Newbury

## SOMEONE LINE YOU

Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's Adele at the BBC Special, the outstanding Katie Markham has the show-stopping voice and captivating charisma to deliver all your favourite Adele hits in an enthralling concert performance.

Thu, Apr 20, 8pm  
Corn Exchange, Newbury

## SAM KELLY & JAMIE FRANCIS

Folk duo Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis bring their fresh new sound to New Greenham Arts.

Fri, Apr 21, 8pm  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

## RUSSELL KANE

## COMEDY

In this brand new show, Russell Kane unleashes another blisteringly funny stand-up performance about growing up and growing down.

Sat, Apr 22, 7.45pm  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

## AL STEWART

For 50 years, Al Stewart has been writing and singing songs. Now he's going on tour with acoustic versions from his musical back catalogue, going all the way back to the bedsit with Bedsitter Images. He will be accompanied by his long-time collaborator Dave Nachmanoff and joined by guitarist Tim Renwick.

Fri, Apr 28, 8pm  
Corn Exchange, Newbury

## ANDREW LAWRENCE: THE HATE SPEECH TOUR

Seen on BBC1's Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Dave's One Night Stand, as well as star of his self-penned BBC Radio 4 series, There Is No Escape.

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AT THE DRIVE IN • BECKY HILL • CABBAGE • CADET • EDEN  
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## A sportswagon with real swagger

By Tony Yates

If you are looking for a decent estate car that has everything thrown in for a decent price – then look no further than the Optima Sportswagon.

What Kia have done here is made the perfect estate car that has a minimum of 552 litres of cargo space – plus the added option of dropping the rear seats to increase this to 1,686 litres. This also gives Kia the perfect opportunity to break into that important D-segment where they hope the Optima Sportswagon will grab a slice of the business and fleet sales market.

### Power and Efficiency

The version I currently have on test is powered by a 1.7 litre turbocharged diesel engine with 139bhp and 340 lb/ft of torque which makes the Optima move along at a decent pace considering its size. Fuel economy figures are also good and you can expect to achieve around 60.0mpg (combined) plus a decent top speed of 124mph.

### On the road

The Optima feels pretty good on our roads – and there are no dramas to talk about here because its well balanced and settled even on some of our most demanding roads – you'll have less to worry about if you decide to start planting the Optima into the corners.

I know I have said this before – but the Kia engineers really do put a lot of effort into making their cars handle well and you can feel that in the way the Optima tells you exactly what's going on beneath you – while Kia's onboard safety features do their job by keeping everything present and correct even in the event that you do go and get it all a bit wrong.

### Safety and Technology

Trim levels inside the Optima don't feel as good as they do inside the Sportage – but this is a load lugger and a car that is able to accommodate a large family and pretty much everything you can throw at it – so when you think about

it, the interior is actually well thought out with modern hard wearing materials that will be very good at resisting wear for many years.

With technology now being one of the most important factors most people look for when buying a new car – the Optima needed to offer a lot toys for not much money. Well, I can happily report that the Optima does not fall short here – and comes with a whole array of features such as front & rear parking sensors, auto-dimming rear-view mirror, 8" Touchscreen Satellite Navigation, dual automatic air conditioning with an automatic windscreen de-fog system, 18" alloy wheels, LED front fogs, Led rear lights, Blind Spot Detection, ABD with EBD, Lane-Keep Assist and speed limit information, Rear Cross Traffic Alert and twin side (front) curtain airbags among many others.

### To sum up

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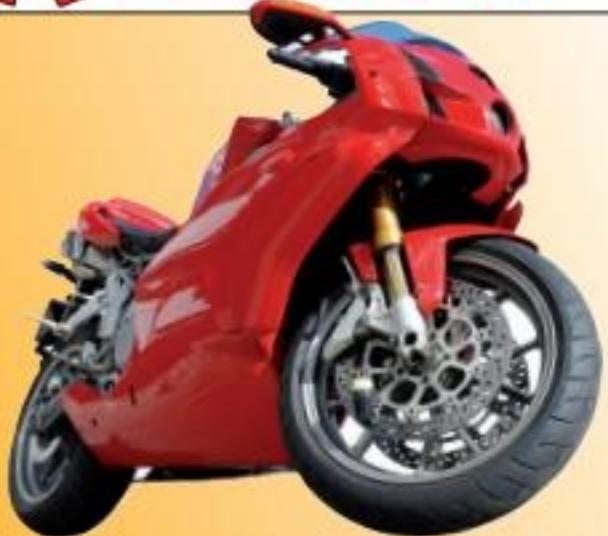
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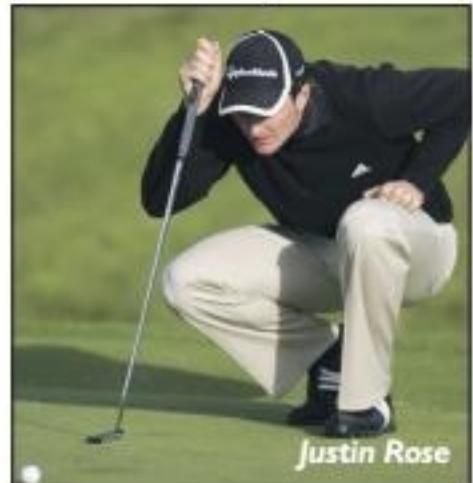




## Rose all set for Masters

JUSTIN Rose will be eyeing up his first Masters title as he begins his 2017 campaign around the greens of Augusta today.

The North Hampshire golfer tees off at 3.56pm BST for his first round alongside fellow major winner Jason Day and American Brandt Snedeker, before beginning round two tomorrow at 7.03pm.



He comes into the tournament off the back of a tied 15th finish at the Shell Houston Open last weekend, ending up on seven under par.

Rounds of 67, 71, 73 and 70 earned Rose a respectable finishing position in preparation for this weekend's action, although he was 13 shots behind overall winner Russell Henley.

The 36-year-old has enjoyed top 10 finishes in his last two Masters appearances, including finishing tied second in 2015.

A poor second round 77 hindered Rose's chances last year, as he ended the four days on one over par, six shots off England's Danny Willett who took the title.

By Matthew Brown

A BRACE from Ashleigh Artwell helped Basingstoke see off Chesham 3-2 at the Camrose on Saturday.

The Dragons made it two from two following on from their 1-0 away victory over St Ives last time out.

Artwell was instrumental in the hosts' strong start to the game, his quick and strong running a constant threat to the Chesham defence.

Basingstoke continued to dominate with chances continuing to fall to them.

Terrance van Cooten was next to come close, shooting just off target before Michael Atkinson spurned two chances, shooting over from the edge of the box before heading narrowly wide from a van Cooten cross.

Chesham tested Alex Tokarczyk through Sam Youngs whose low volley was parried by the 'keeper.

Ten minutes before half time Basingstoke took the lead.

A neat exchange between Artwell and Redford put the winger through on goal and he coolly stroked the ball under Chesham goalkeeper Richard Hayward.

In the second half, Basingstoke further pressed home their advantage with two quick-



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## Strong start to season for Collard

ROB Collard began his British Touring Car Championship season with a podium during the opening races at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

The Hook-based racer surged up the grid to finish second in race two, adding to his solid seventh and sixth-place results in races one and three respectively.

It was an impressive day of racing from Collard, who made his way up the order having

qualified a lowly 15th for race one on Saturday.

The 48-year-old was supremely quick in race two to get on to the podium, before a steady performance with the extra ballast earned him more points in race three.

"If you'd told me at the start of the weekend that I'd finish seventh, second and sixth, I'd have taken it," said Collard.

"Race two was brilliant because every time I kept ask-

ing for a little bit more from the car, it have me more and I was able to make some moves I was pretty proud of.

"I was faster than the cars around me at the end and I'm convinced I could have won if the race had just been a couple of laps longer."

The opening races have left Collard fifth in the standings on 36 points, with three-time champion Gordon Shedden at the top of the table on 48.

## Sport Bites

### Biggest victory

**RUGBY:** Basingstoke RFC enjoyed a massive 71-0 win away at United Services Portsmouth on Saturday.

It was their biggest win of the season and means they will finish in the top five of the London 3 South West table.

They have 66 points with one game remaining. They play host to league champions Farnham this Saturday afternoon.

### Coach honour

**ICE HOCKEY:** Basingstoke Bison's director of hockey Doug Sheppard has been named coach of the year.

He picked up the title at the Energise Me Awards last Thursday during a ceremony celebrating sporting success in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in 2016.

Bison had a year to remember, taking their first league title since 1993. Sheppard has led the Herd to a top three finish every season since 2012.

He was also recognised for his work in creating the Bison development path, giving junior players the chance to progress to the senior side.

### Double defeat

**FOOTBALL:** Whitchurch United suffered a narrow defeat away at Alresford Town on Saturday.

It comes after they were thrashed 4-1 at home by Bemerton Heath Harlequins in their match last Wednesday night.

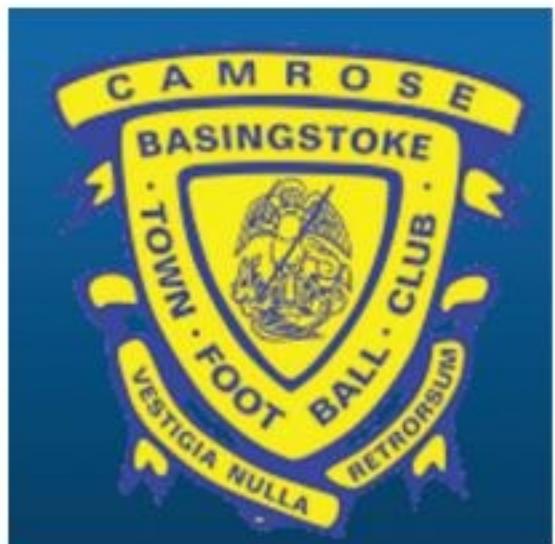
They are 20th in the Wessex Premier Division with three games remaining and are next in action against Moneyfields this Saturday.

### Calleva draw

**FOOTBALL:** Tadley Calleva had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Folland Sports on Saturday afternoon.

The point leaves Tadley eighth in the Wessex Division One standings on 64 points, but within two of Ringwood Town in sixth.

They make the trip to Christchurch for their next match this weekend.



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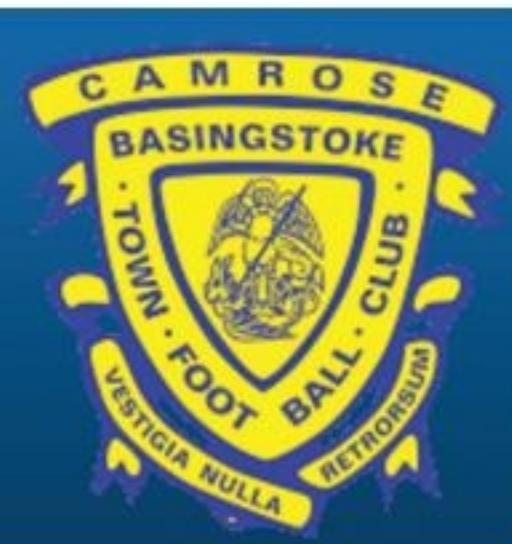
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Inside: Ashleigh Artwell stars in Basingstoke Town win | Collard gets podium at season opener | Rose teeing up for the Masters



It's promotion as champions retain the title

HARTLEY Wintney have been crowned Combined Counties Premier League champions for a second successive season.

Their 0-0 draw away to Chertsey Town secured the single point they needed to take the title with five games to spare.

The Row have been dominant all season, winning 31 of their 39 games, drawing five and losing just three to accumulate 98 points, 21 ahead of nearest rivals Westfield.

After missing out on promotion last year despite winning the title, this time Hartley Wintney will move up into the Southern Football League.

Left, the title-winning squad

# Bison reach play-off finals

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Bison rounded off a successful play-off group stage, finishing top of Group B and qualifying for finals weekend in Coventry following back-to-back victories at the weekend.

A 7-3 away victory over Swindon Wildcats on Saturday was followed on Sunday with a tight win over Milton Keynes Lightning at the Basingstoke Arena.

Joe Miller was the standout per-

former for Bison with an assist and three goals over the two games.

Bison made the trip to Swindon in the Planet Ice Derby and took an early lead with Tomas Karpov opening the scoring after six minutes.

It was 2-0 after the Wildcats had killed their first penalty and shortly after on 14.21, Aaron Connolly put Bison further ahead.

The first period ended 1-2 after Maxim Birbraer responded for the hosts.

Bison continued to dominate after

the break with two goals in quick succession from Vanya Atonov and Derek Roehl.

Antonov scored on 30.52, finishing after good work from Rene Jarolin and Joe Miller with Roehl adding a fourth on 33.32.

Ciaran Long made it 5-1 after 49.03 before Miller opened his account for the weekend with 53.29 on the clock.

Swindon responded through Tomas Malasinski on 54.08 but Karpov scored his second of the night on 57.09.

With just four seconds remaining,

Swindon scored through Adam Finlinson to make the final score 3-7.

The following day, Bison were on home ice against Milton Keynes Lightning in a pulsating encounter.

The game started at a frenetic pace but neither side could take the lead although Lightning were celebrating briefly after an Antii Hollier shot bulged the net but was ruled out after hitting the outside of the twine.

Both sides continued to ramp up the pressure and Lightning took the lead after 17.07 through Blaz Emeršic.

After the break, the game continued at a frantic pace and Bison got their reward, levelling on 25.57 after man of the weekend Joe Miller had fired in after good work from Antonov.

Just two minutes later, Bison took the lead through Miller again on 27.45.

Bison continued to press home their advantage with Joe Rand making it 3-1 on 31.38.

Both teams continued to attack and the Lightning hit back through Holli but Bison held on and will go forward to finals weekend in Coventry.

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